



# An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons

Assembled in Parliament, for the enabling of the Commissioners  
of the great Seale and the other Committees in their severall Counties, to tender an  
Oath to all such persons of what degree or quality soever, that shall  
come into the protection of the Parliament.

Die Sabbathi 5 April. 1645.

**B**E it Ordained by the Lords and Commons in Parliament assembled, that all and every person of what degree or quality soever, that hath lived or shall live within the Kings quarters, or been aiding, assisting, or adhering unto the Forces raised against the Parliament, and hath or shall come to inhabit or reside under the power and protection of the Parliament, shall sweare upon the holy Evangelist in manner following:

**I** *A.B. doe sweare from my heart, that I will not directly nor indirectly adhere unto, or willingly assist the King in this Warre, or in this cause against the Parliament, nor any Forces raised without the consent of the two Houses of Parliament in this Cause or Warre. And I doe likewise sweare that my comming and submitting my selfe under the power and protection of the Parliament, is without any manner of designe whatsoever to the prejudice of the proceedings of the two Houses of this present Parliament, and without the direction, privity, or advice of the King, or any of his Councell, or Officers, other then what I have now made known. So helpe me God, and the Contents of this Booke.*

And be it further Ordained by the Authority aforesaid, that the Commissioners for keeping of the Great Seale of England for the time being, shall have power, and are hereby authorized to tender and administer the said Oath unto any Peere, or Wife or Widow of any Peere, so comming to inhabit as above said. And it shall be lawfull to and for the Committee of the House of Commons for Examinations, the Committee for the Militia in London, and all Committees of Parliament in the severall Counties and Cities of the Kingdom, to tender and administer the said Oath unto every other person so comming to inhabit as above said. And if any person (not being a Member of, or assistant unto either of the Houses of the Parliament) shall refuse or neglect to take the said Oath so duly tendered unto him or her, as above said, the said Commissioners and Committees respectively, shall and may commit the same person to some prison, there to remaine without Baile or Mainprize untill he shall conform thereunto.

Hen. Elsynge, Cler. Parl. Dom. Com.

London Printed for *Edward Husband*, 1645.